



Notes from the Director

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In NEWSWEEK of November 21st, an article concerning personnel cuts at the CIA quotes me as saying, "You really heard them crying, haven't you?" "Often at personal risk!" I bet you there isn't five of them that had personal risk..."

I very much regret having said this. It was an unfortunate remark made in a spirited exchange with the NEWSWEEK reporter and was in no way intended to apply to all Agency employees. I was expressing my disappointment and annoyance only with those few who took their complaints to the news media.

I am mindful each day of the 35 stars displayed in the lobby of our headquarters in memory of 35 heroic members of the CIA who gave their lives in the service of their country. I am also aware that many others serve in unusual and difficult circumstances with little likelihood of ever receiving public recognition. I have great respect and admiration for all of you in the CIA who I know continue to serve your country so well.

I am sending a copy of this statement to the Editor of NEWSWEEK with a request that it be printed in the next issue.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stansfield Turner".

STANSFIELD TURNER
Director